
Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
March 6, 2008

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments, downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Debbie Cook, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Baroldi, Layne	Gateway Cities
Bertone, Dennis	SGVCOG
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach
Eaton, Paul	City of Montclair
Land, Abbe	Westside Cities
Nelson, Larry	Artesia
Parks, Linda	Ventura County
Tyler, Sid	SGVCOG
Van Arsdale, Lori	Hemet
Washburn, Dennis	Calabasas

Members Not Present

Brennan, Brian	VCOG
Carrillo, Victor	Imperial County
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Gafin, David	Downey
Gardner, Nancy	Newport Beach
Hanks, Keith	Azusa
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
Hernandez, Steven	CVAG
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities
Lilburn, Penny	SANBAG
Marchand, Paul	Cathedral City
McDowell, Kelly	El Segundo
Miller, Mike	Ex-Officio
Montgomery, Richard	Manhattan Beach
Pedroza, Sam	SGVCOG
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	Long Beach
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme
Zine, Dennis	Los Angeles

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Debbie Cook, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m., and led the group in the flag salute.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Minutes of February 7, 2008 Meeting

Dennis Bertone asked that his vote for item 5.3 HR 2421 (Oberstar): Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 be shown in OPPOSITION of the item. A motion was made (Dennis Bertone), SECONDED (Layne Baroldi), and UNANIMOUSLY approved as corrected.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2008 Regional Champion Awards

Toni Young nominated Ed Beagley, Jr. – Eco-Activist

A motion was made (Dennis Bertone), SECONDED (Dennis Washburn), and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

6.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

Dennis Washburn reported that it is important that we work with our legislative advocates to help us obtain early releases of Prop 84 and 1A -1E, to supplement the losses in our budget.

7.0 SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT

No Report.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Environmental Planning Overview

Jacob Lieb, SCAG, provided an overview of what the Environmental Planning Staff at SCAG are responsible for and have within their work program and of what the purview of the Energy and Environmental Committee is.

Abbe Land requested a list of other organizations that SCAG works with on this issue. Jacob Lieb informed the group that he will e-mail a link to the members with the names of participating stakeholders. She also asked if there was a place on SCAG's website to go to for recommended timely background information.

Debbie Cook responded that SCAG's website is currently being updated to include links to the most current information on related topics.

Sid Tyler suggested that we need to look at the Regional measurements of where we are now and where we want to get to. This way we have something to attain to in the way of measuring improvement. If we do not have numbers to quantify, we can't get very far, what you can't measure, you can't manage.

Jacob Lieb, SCAG, answered that this is a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) issue. The RCP creates a series of performance outcomes in each chapter as a measurable goal that the region would like to attain. Once the RCP is adopted the idea is to integrate those performance outcomes into SCAG's ongoing monitoring benchmarks and State of the Region efforts. This will provide the information of what SCAG sets out to do, the activities taken on, and the effects they are having.

8.2 Task Forces and Working Groups

Jacob Lieb, SCAG, presented the report.

Debbie Cook suggested that a few of the task forces be combined into one to be able to have broader discussions that include several subjects that relate to each other.

Linda Parks suggested that representatives from the three policy committees be included in this combining of task forces so that all three areas would be covered.

Debbie Cook responded that it might be best to continue the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) task force since the RCP encompasses the three policy areas.

Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG, informed the group that next month staff will bring back some options for the committee to consider and recommend to the President.

8.3 Update on the RCP EIR Schedule

Jessica Kirchner, SCAG, provided an overview of the expedited schedule.

8.4 2008 RTP Conformity Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, provided a report on what conformity is and what SCAG has been doing towards attainment demonstration. Sidney Tyler asked that a summary be provided, by pollutant, on what the baseline is and what the challenges are to the attainment demonstration.

8.5 Update on SCAG, AQMD, ARB White Paper

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported that due to the challenges of demonstrating attainment for the ozone and PM2.5 standards, SCAG, SCAQMD, and ARB have agreed to develop a joint white paper to show that we need fundamentally new ways of conceiving transportation and air quality strategies to meet these attainment standards as well as make headway on greenhouse gas reductions as required by state law.

9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

- SCE Tour – March 25, 2008

10.0 STAFF REPORT

- Regional Transit Summit – March 20, 2008
- AB 32 Workshop (2 Slots Available) – May 15, 2008
- Last Meeting of the Open Space Working Group – March 11, 2008

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

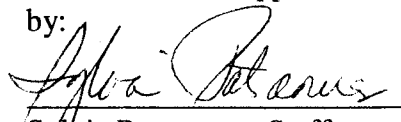
Brian Brennen asked that the Cal Poly Pomona Studio 606 study: Planning Cities After Peak Oil, be presented at a future EEC meeting.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Debbie Cook, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:50a.m.

Action Minutes Approved
by:


Sylvia Patsaouras, Staff
Energy and Environment

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

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Member (Including Ex-Office) Last Name, First Name		Date Appointed if after 1/1/08	X = County Represented												X = Attended = No Meeting NM = New Member												Total Mtg's Attended
Representing			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernardino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec							
Gateway Cities																						1					
Baroldi, Layne				X					X	X	X																
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X																
Brennan, Brian		VCOG						X			X										0						
Carrillo, Victor*		Imperial Cnty	X							X											1						
Clark, Margaret* (V-Chair)		Rosemead		X					X	X	X										2						
Cook, Debbie* (Chair)		Huntington Bch		X					X	X	X										2						
Eaton, Paul*		Montclair		X					X	X	X										2						
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X					X	X	X										2						
Hanks, Keith*		Azusa		X					X	X											2						
Hernandez, Steve		CVAG				X				X											1						
Gafin, David*		Downey		X					X	X											2						
Gardner, Nancy		OCCOG			X				X												1						
Harrison, Jon		SANBAG					X														0						
King, Dorothy		Gateway Cities		X						X											1						
Land, Abbe		Westside Cities		X					X		X										1						
Liburn, Penny		SANBAG					X														0						
Marchand, Paul*		Cathedral City	X																		0						
McDowell, Kelly		SBCCOG		X					X	X											2						
Miller, Mike		Ex-Officio		X					X	X											2						
Montgomery, Richard		SBCCOG		X					X	X											2						
Nelson, Larry*		Artesia		X					X	X	X										2						
Pedroza, Sam	7-Feb	SGVCOG		X																	0						
Parks, Linda		Ventura Cnty						X		X											1						
Tyler, Sid		Arroyo Verdugo		X					X	X	X										2						
Uranga, Tonia Reyes*		Long Beach		X					X												1						
Van Arsdale, Lori		WRCOG				X			X		X										1						
Washburn, Dennis*		Calabasas		X					X	X	X										2						
Young, Toni*		Port Hueneme						X	X	X											2						
Zine, Dennis*		Los Angeles		X					X												1						
29		TOTALS	2	19	1	2	2	3																			

* Regional Council Member